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Training for teaching the SREB Readiness Courses will be July 10 – 13, 2017, during the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

SREB offers two levels of Readiness Courses in literacy and math. The [Ready for College](#) courses are taught during the senior year to prepare students for the rigors of college. The [Ready for High School](#) courses are taught during the eighth or ninth grade to prepare students for high school course work.

SREB SOLUTIONS

Readiness Courses:

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Make the Commitment to Make a Difference

Your school can improve high school and college graduation rates by implementing the SREB Readiness Courses, proven to increase student achievement. These courses, designed for students who need a boost in literacy and math, are challenging for both students and teachers. Schools implementing the courses should select teachers who are enthusiastic about impacting students through engaging curricula.

Stipends Available

- * A \$700 stipend is available for the first 20 teachers to register for each course.
- * Stipends reimburse the \$350 registration cost and provide \$350 for assistance with travel.
- * Stipends are provided to participants upon completion of training.

Space is Limited: Apply Today

Enrollment will be limited to the first 20 teachers per course. Stipends are available to the first 20 teachers from schools that have submitted a completed application, including a commitment to implement a Readiness Course at the school. Once an application is approved, SREB staff will assist with the registration process. Applications are available at <http://www.sreb.org/training-readiness-institute>. Email completed applications to Ready@SREB.org.

SREB Publishes Ready for College ACT Study

SREB worked with state leaders in Arkansas and Mississippi to provide students in SREB Readiness Courses the opportunity to take the ACT exam in spring 2016. SREB has collected the data and analyzed the pre- and post-exam results for students in SREB Ready for College Courses who took the ACT in both 2015 and 2016. The results, which document the effectiveness of the SREB courses, are summarized in the new publication, *Readiness Courses: Preparing Students for College and Careers*. Here are some highlights:

- Statistically significant gains on ACT English, science and composite scores for students in Literacy Ready
- Statistically significant gains on ACT math, science and composite scores for students in Math Ready
- Across the board gains on ACT English, reading, math, science and composite scores for students taking both Literacy Ready and Math Ready

This report summarizes the results of the study and outlines steps for states and schools to take to implement a comprehensive readiness program. For more information about the SREB Ready for College courses, visit <http://www.sreb.org/readiness-courses-literacy-math>.

Literacy Ready Update Coming Soon

Literacy Ready will be updated in May 2017 to include new units in English and history. The new version, v3, will be posted to the SREB website and available for download by June 1. The new course will contain eight units: three in English, three in history and two in science. SREB recommends that schools cover the first units in each discipline during the first semester and then select from the remaining units for the second semester. These new units maintain the rigor and depth comparable to the existing units, but provide flexibility to fit schools' curricular needs. Listed below are the descriptions of the new units in English and history.

English Unit 3: The Dream's The Thing: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Literary Criticism

A new unit will be added to existing English units, using Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as an anchor text to develop students' abilities to understand complex literary texts, critique literary works and connect text to contemporary issues. Students will explore the play in the context of the contemporary themes of dreams and love. The culminating argumentative essay will focus on how the play compares to historical and modern dream theory and attitudes toward love. After teaching Unit 1 using the informational text, teachers should choose between this unit and Unit 2 for a fiction anchor text.

History Unit 3: The Vietnam Conflict

This unit was originally the second part of History Unit 2 on Foreign Affairs. The Vietnam Conflict is now a stand-alone unit that allows more time for students to research and read complex texts; prepare evidence to organize and develop a response to a document-based question; and prepare a second, final argumentative essay on the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. Additional disciplinary literacy strategies are provided to enhance this six-week unit, and a suggested scoring guide for student work is included.

Math Ready v3 Now Available

Math Ready has been updated and is now available for download from the SREB website. Updates to links have been made and minor errors have been corrected. To download the latest version of Math Ready, visit the [SREB downloads page](#). SREB Readiness Courses materials are available for download from our website at no cost and may be printed for educational purposes.

SREB Ready Printing

Beginning May 15, SREB will provide printing services as a courtesy to schools implementing the Ready for College courses, Literacy Ready or Math Ready. Schools may also purchase for \$15 high-quality student notebooks that are printed in color and bound. Teacher guides will also be available. This option, which costs less than copying the materials in black and white, is being provided as a service to schools to reduce the cost of implementing the SREB courses. To place an order, visit the [SREB downloads page](#) on or after May 15. SREB Readiness Courses materials and resources are still available for download from our website at no cost and may be printed for educational purposes.

Important: SREB encourages schools to obtain the critical teacher training necessary to ensure Literacy Ready and Math Ready are successful and implemented with fidelity.

Prepare your students to excel. Contact John Squires, SREB director of High School to College Readiness, for teacher training in your area. Email: john.squires@sreb.org.

SAVE the DATES

Join us for the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference, July 12-15, 2017, in Nashville, Tennessee.

You'll want to come early for the Fifth Annual College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference, July 10-12, 2017 in Nashville.
Click [here](#) to register.

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